

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. I have to say I find the unbalanced and obvious bias of Sinclair to be Nazi like in its propaganda. If a private company or corporation wants to say the things Sinclair wants to say then a clear message needs to be run at the top or bottom of the screen during the entire message claiming that the message is indeed editorial in nature and has nothing to do with actual fact. How many of the American Public understand that the Supreme Court has declared there is no standard of truth necessary in political speech? I think its the FCC's responsibility to make sure the American people understand that political speech is subject to no standard what so ever.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.